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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Urging UM to Develop Online Sex Trafficking Resources

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SB76-19/20

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Whereas, The United Nations' International Labour Organization estimated that as of 2016, an international total 3.8 million adults and 1 million children were victims of sex trafficking;

Whereas, The University of Montana (UM) is continuously seeking ways to improve the campus environment to be more safe and accessible;

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents all students and aims to create a more inclusive and safe environment;

Whereas, UM does not currently have resources for reporting or identifying sex trafficking victims on its website;

Whereas, UM website's Campus Safety page reads:

The University of Montana strives to maintain a safe and friendly environment for its students, employees and visitors. This website includes links to many resources related to campus safety and emergency preparedness. You will also find links to important conduct codes and policies;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM urges that necessary additions to UM's website be made to provide information, statistics, and resources on sex trafficking;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That such provisions can include but are not limited to up-to-date reports, hotlines, and warning signs;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM urges that UM provides students with such provisions within the *Safety & Support* and *Campus Safety* pages of its official website;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana; Marty Ludeman, Chief of UMPD; Alicia Arant, Title IX Coordinator and Director of Equal Opportunity; Christine Fiore, Clinical Director of the Student Advocacy Resource Center; Alison Pepper, Education and Outreach Director of the Student Advocacy Resource Center.

Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

Passed by ASUM Senate: April 29, 2020

Ethan Hanley,

